IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Robert CHASSAGNON et al.

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For: Tread Comprising Relief Elements Covered

by a Specific Mixture

Examiner: Maki, Steven D. Group Art: 1791 Confirmation No.:5229

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

SIR:

RESPONSE

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.